IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln of:

NAGEL, Jonathan A.

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USING PUMP FEEDTHROUGH

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AMENDMENT A

This in response the first Official Action in this case mailed July 7, 2003. A petition for a one-month extension of time is enclosed herewith to extend the shortened statutory period for response from October 7, 2003 to November 7, 2003. Applicant believes that no other extension of time is required. However, Applicant conditionally petitions for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. As provided below, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any required fee.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.